

Amendments to the Specification:

Kindly delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 27, which starts with “Fig. 3 shows an actuator.”

Kindly delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28, which starts with “Fig. 4 shows interlocking.”

Kindly delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 31, which starts with “Fig. 6 shows interlocking.”

Kindly insert the following two paragraphs after line 26 on page 2:

Figs. 3a-3c show an actuator for operation of a breaker.

Figs. 4a-4b show interlocking of the rod system with a blocking plate and lock.

Kindly insert the following paragraph after line 30 on page 2:

Figs. 6a-6c show interlocking of the rod system during remote control.

Kindly insert the following paragraphs after line 20 on page 3 of the specification:

One embodiment of the present invention provides a device for interlocking a circuit breaker in an open or closed position. In this embodiment, a set of breaker contacts operated by a linking system which is in mechanical communication with an actuator. Operation of the actuator, in turn, moves the set of breaker contacts into either an open or closed position by moving the linking system. The position of each of the set of breaker contacts may be indicated by an indicator, for example, by a mechanical arrow. In addition to operating the linking system to open or close the set of breaker contacts, the actuator may further contain devices for interlocking the linking system in the open or closed position by both mechanical and electrical means.

Operation of the breaker is controlled by, for example, an electromagnet within the actuator driving the linking system. Another electromagnet is used to position at least one locking shackle so as to mechanically prevent operation of the actuator and maintain the set of breaker contacts in the open or closed position. Electrical interlocking is achieved by

disconnecting the operating current to the electromagnet operating the locking shackle after positioning this locking shackle. Therefore, once electrical interlocking has occurred, the positioned locking shackle may not be retracted by the electromagnet until such current is restored. Electrical interlocking may be indicated by mechanical and/or electrical indicators present on the actuator, for example, by illumination of a green lamp and/or a mechanical arrow pointing to a green field.

In one embodiment, the far end of the rod attached to the actuator extends outward from the outer breaker pole housing when the breaker contacts are in the open position and thus allows for it to be mechanically interlocked by a physical connection, for example, to a blocking plate or other similar device to prevent the rod from moving once in the open position. The visible extension of the rod upon placing the breaker contacts in the open position further serves as an indicator that the breaker is in open position and allowing for interlocking to take place. The position of the blocking plate can be designed to serve as an indicator that interlocking by the blocking plate has been achieved.

On page 4, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 8 as follows:

~~Fig. 4 shows~~ Figs. 4a-b show part of a link system, known as a rod system, 20 for operation of the contacts 30 of the breaker. The rod system 20 is equipped with a moving part 21 that is in an inner position when the breaker is ON and an outer, visible position when the breaker is OFF. By ~~tuning~~ turning the first key 18 in a second lock 22, manual movement of a blocking plate 23, or other blockage device, is made possible. The blockage plate 23 is pushed in a sideways direction and locked in place with a second key 24 in a third lock 25 such that the moving part 21 and thus the rod system 20 are locked into their outer positions. The interlocking of the rod system can be indicated with, for example, an arrow.

On page 4, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 18 as follows:

~~Fig. 6 shows~~ Figs. 6a-c show the design of the rod system when remote-controlled interlocking is used. Movement of the earth knife involves movement of the blocking plate 23 via a rotatable disk 80.